

Mass Intentions for the Week

7/27 Mon	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
7/28 Tues	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
7/29 Wed	9:00 AM	All Deceased Parishioners
7/30 Thurs	9:00 AM	Anthony Barber By Dan & Ginni Brandt
7/31 Fri	9:00 AM	Communion Service
8/01 Sat	4:00 PM	Anthony Barber By The Daily Mass Group
8/02 Sun	10:30 AM	All Deceased Parishioners

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp donation is given this week in memory of Soddy & Carmie Mirabito.

Dinner with Bishop Mark O'Connell

Tickets are now on sale for the Dinner Saturday, August 15th. Tickets are \$15.00 each and will be available after Mass in the vestibule. The last day to purchase tickets is August 2nd. We pray everyone will be able to attend.

Peter Pence Collection for the Holy Father

Today is the Peter Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable work of Pope Leo XIV. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Leo XIV to be a sign of hope to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html

Share the Bounty Dinner ~ July

7/30/26 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Assorted Salads, Corn on the Cob, Desserts

Father Ben Reception/Coffee Hour~ July 26th

There will be a Parish Coffee Hour today with Fr. Ben on the 29th anniversary of his ordination. Please join us after 10:30am Mass.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time-Seek the True Treasure

In life, we naturally invest our time, energy, and resources in what we believe will bring us lasting happiness and fulfillment. Yet this Sunday's readings challenge us to look beyond the attractions of worldly success and material possessions and to seek instead the Kingdom of God. They invite us to embrace the divine wisdom that leads to true and eternal life.

In first reading, Solomon sets an inspiring example for us. Rather than asking for wealth, power, or fame, he asks God for wisdom and an understanding heart to discern right from wrong. His request pleased the Lord because it reflected a sincere desire to serve faithfully. As a result, God blessed him abundantly.

The responsorial psalm proclaims that the law of the Lord is more precious than silver or gold. God's commandments guide our lives, shape our character, and lead us on the path to true happiness and eternal life.

In the second reading, Saint Paul offers a message of hope and trust, assuring us that "all things work together for good for those who love God." Even amid trials, setbacks, and disappointments, God remains actively at work, guiding us toward His saving purpose.

In the Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a treasure hidden in a field and a pearl of great price. Upon discovering them, both seekers joyfully sell everything they have to possess what they treasure most. Their actions reveal the incomparable value of God's Kingdom and the wholehearted commitment it deserves.

Jesus also speaks of a net that gathers fish of every kind, reminding us that at the end of time, there will be a separation between the righteous and the wicked. While the wicked face judgment, the righteous will enter the eternal joy of God's presence.

The message of today's readings is clear: seek God's kingdom above all else. With hearts enlightened by faith and guided by divine wisdom, may we recognize the true treasure that never fades. May we strive each day to live faithfully and responsibly, pursuing the Kingdom of God, the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price.

God bless.

Fr. Dr. Ben Ampong

Weekend of August 1st & 2nd, 2026

First Reading- Isaiah 55:1-3

Second Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39

Saturday 4:00 PM

Celebrant:

Fr. Ben

Lector:

Ginni Brandt

Eucharistic Ministers: Carole Ostrander, Bill Babbage, Dorothy Yaiser

Altar Servers:

Jack, Henry, Ella Grigoli

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday 10:30AM

Fr. Ben

Mathias Mietzelfeld

Kristin Reuter, Lorraine Keckeisen, Terry Maggio

Ayla Gronwall

Offerings from July 18th & 19th, 2026: Regular \$2184.00; Fuel \$70.00; Repairs \$100.00; Fuel \$70.00; Evangelist \$18.00; Peter's Pence \$10.00

Mission Coop Appeal

Pope Leo XIV has called us too be a church of missionaries. And there is no better way to do that than supporting the missionary that will be coming to your parish this summer.

It makes a tremendous difference in the communities and the good work we support.

Last year, through the Mission Cooperative Program, our Diocese raised \$258,793.28.

This year Sacred Heart will host the Diocese of Norwich, CT.- Outreach for Haiti, August 22nd & 23rd.

A second collection will be taken that weekend to support this mission. Please give as you are able, and keep the people of Haiti and all missionaries in your prayers.

Thank you for your generosity and let's continue to support the great work of the Church around the world!

Save the Date ~ KOC Dinner Dance

Fundraiser for St. John's and Sacred Heart
9/19/2026, 5:30PM ~ Sacred Heart Parish Center

Dinner, Dessert, and DJ.

More information to come!

Share the Bounty Dinner ~ August

The group doing August Bounty is unable to cook – Please help out. We need your help with:

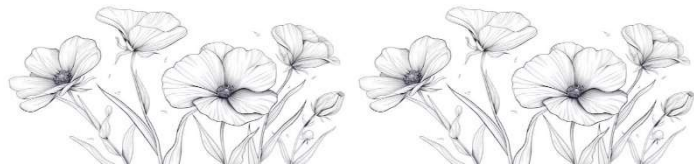
- 1) Desserts ~ needed by Aug. 27th
- 2) Need helpers to prepare the food, we have a menu. Please contact Paula at 607-563-7066 to sign up.

Envelopes

We are in the prep stage for next year. If anyone received envelopes and are not using them please contact the office at 607-563-1591.

Community Food Bank

Next week is our monthly collection for our local food bank. Donations of canned and boxed food items, as well as boxed cereals are always appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



July Bulletin Quotes

O God our Creator – through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

~ *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*

Lay Carmelite Community Forming

We invite you to explore the developing Third Order Carmelite Community of St. Elias Province at St. Mary's Our Lady of the Lake Church, Cooperstown. We will be having a Come and See informational meeting **Saturday, August 22 at noon in St. Mary's Parish Hall in Cooperstown.** Join us and see the beauty of the 800 year old Carmelite tradition. For more information and to register for the meeting, please contact Diane Butz at 607-643-3796 or dbutztoc@gmail.com. Please

Rosary

Please join us after the 4:00PM Mass Saturday, August 1st to pray the Rosary. All are welcome to join us in the Church. If you do not have a rosary there are ones available in the vestibule for your use.

Formed

Do you know about Formed? Get thousands of Catholic movies, programs, kids shows, and audio instantly from Formed. Our subscription renews in August. Please support our efforts to provide this streaming service for our parish and Religious Education program. Every member of this parish can use this enriching service. See Paula for details.

Diocesan Appeal 2027

The New Year has begun on July 1st!
As you plan your budget, please consider a pledge to the appeal.

Joint Parish Picnic

Sacred Heart & St. Paul the Apostle Church
Sunday August 23rd ~ 2PM – 7PM
Oquaga Creek State Park



Please pray for the following people, who have requested our prayers: Gussie Shifflett, Joe LaFave, Ginni Roe, Gabi Bakeman, Kimberlee Roe, Michael Bell, Barbara Bennett, Kim Sumski, Grady Charles Weigand, Daniel Rickard, Dorothy Kashuda, Alyson Sabillon, Linda Falk, Debra Barnard, Bonnie La Voie, Doug Williams, Faith Williams, Don Butler, Debra Patterson, Ed Nicol, Dawn Maruszewski, Madlyn Sumski, Alex Roberts, Mary Munetz, Jazmiers Moore, Bruce Allen, Kimberly Bosket, David Rivera, Jackie Bargher, Matthew Baxter, Darline Smith, Joseph Dermody, Alice Anderson, Sandy Kemp, George Walters, Lorraine Keckeisen, Maria LaBar, John McCann, Natalie Stone, Marian Heeps, Mary Kolermous, Terri Cristofaro, Nancy Daugherty, Mark Morotwe, Sharon Guenther, Kira Cronk, Terry Yackel, Jack Yackel, Jim Mylotte, Alice Walters, Rev. Steve Deckard, Terry Nicolini, Nick Gibson, Andy Woods, Bob Jenks, Dolores Storzinger, Alexis Spencer, Ines Warlock, Susan Chidester, Bob Oliver, Rose LoCasci, Eugene & Yvonne Cutler, Timothy Bell, Ruth Glaum, Holly North, Dixy Pflug, Celeste Hartman, Aidan Burns, James Jennings, Marge Suriano, Marlena Keath, Marian Agyemang, Frank Holley, Nicholas Gaedeke, Gary Maraia, Rachel Feyh, Marge LaFave, Olivia Ross & family, Joe Maggio, Eric Roll, Barbara Haynes, Renee Joseph, Charlie Washburn, James Rattrie, Sean Granan, Marge Ramsey, Fran Groshans, Marion Kiselic, Pat Nabinger, James Stanley, Chris Smith, Bonnie De Salvo, Lori White, Ellen Reuter, Jaxson Beadle, Francis Duguay, Joan Rice, John MacDonald, Rowan DeCocker, Stephanie Soldingier, Bonnie Tabone, John Gilmore, Will Sterchak, Donna Khan, Anthony Barber, Jr., Payton Lakin, Joan Barber, Mathias Mietzelfeld, Maggie Hoffman, Marybeth Modinger, Jacqueline Richardson, Celeste Aber, Teri Frallich, Andrea Emilia Bernabey, Bill Babbage, Sarah Pressler, Bobbie August, Chris West, Dawn Cronin, Josephine Materazzo, Avery Maggio, Barb & Jerry Patrick, Paisley Halbert, John MacDonald, Anne Klopchin, Gloria Parsons, Anthony Naple, Danielle Spry, Ellen Hogan, Bradley Lathan, Peter Burghardt Jr., The Family of Mufide, Kathy Saludo, Elizabeth Cline, Robert Ostrander, Kyle Banas, Kristin Barber, Ellen Hogan, Susan Hanaway

Please note: All names will remain on our prayer list and will be prayed for unless our office is notified to remove an individual.